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1. Attached in Appendix A is a chart showing the organization of the East German Ministry for Foreign Trade (Ministerium fuer Aussen-und Innerdeutschen Handel) as of October 1952.
2. The position of First State Secretary held by Kurt Gregor until last August has not been filled since his promotion, first to the Central Committee of the SED, and shortly afterwards to his present post of Minister. Kurt Grabitz and Gerhard Weiss are possible successors to the title.
3. CMEA affairs are dealt with by the very small Section for International Cooperation under Harry Schwager and by the Trade Policy Department under Eleonore Stalmer (nee Pieck).
4. The Sonderreferat for Reparations is likely to be dissolved shortly as the amount of work it handles is too little to justify its existence. Ludwig Maerten, its present head, is a well trusted Communist and is the only member of the Ministry below Hauptabteilungsleiter rank who maintains direct liaison with the SCC.

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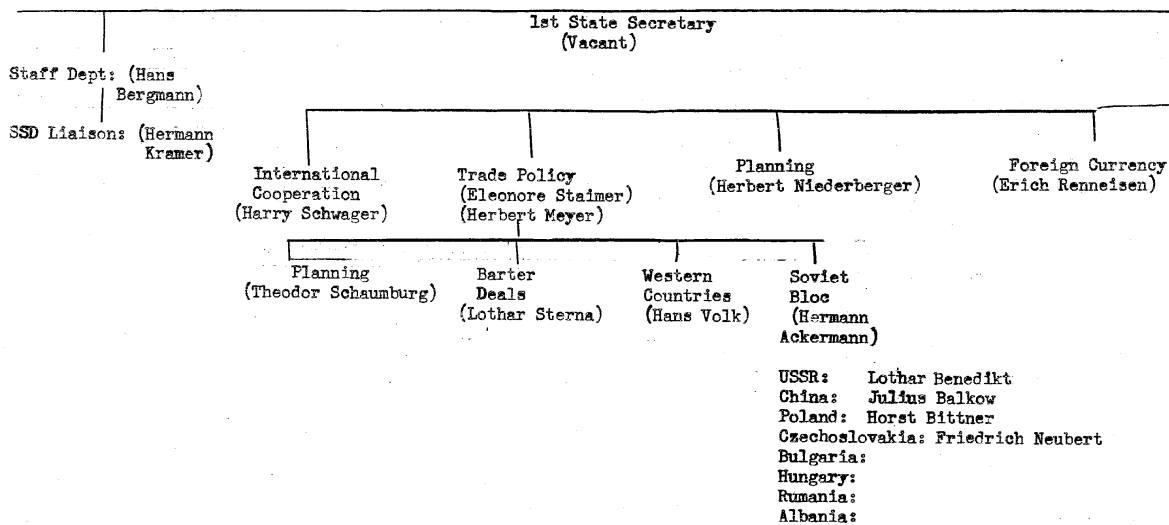
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Organization of Ministry of Foreign Trade (October 1952)

Minister: Kurt Gregor

Assistant: Fritz Grabitz

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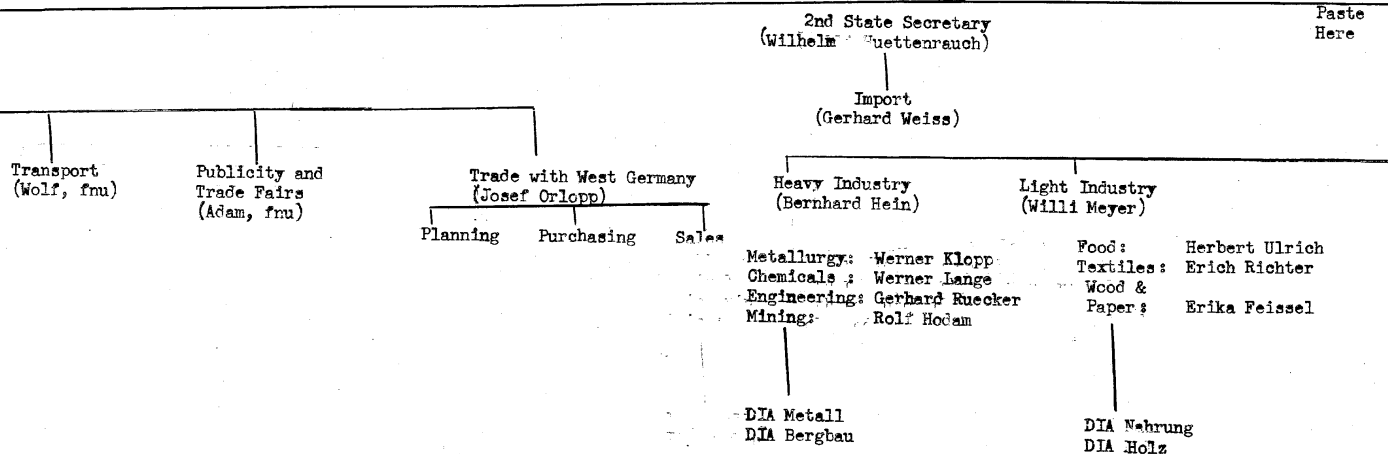


SED Secretary: Hirschfeld
Chairman BGL: Klaus Koch

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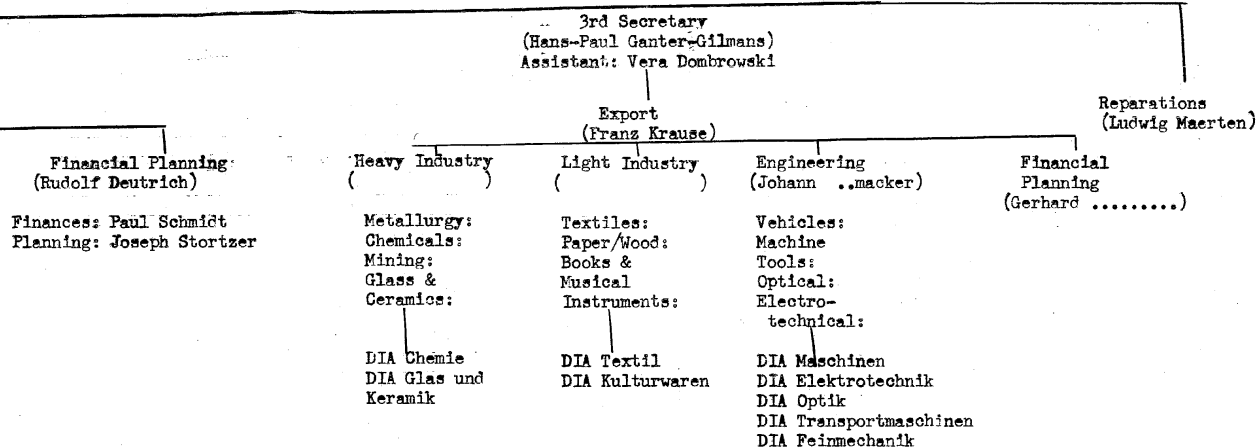


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